

Virginia Naturally Annual Report for Calendar Year 2008

Business Plan Actions: To increase the number of partner organizations; communicate with partners; develop regional networks; create online directory of partner resources; increase stewardship by 10%; and promote professional development opportunities, grant funding and new EE resources.

Reporting period: January 1 – December 31, 2008

- **50** organizations signed up as **new partners** during this calendar year.
- **9** electronic newsletters sent out to partner base over **800** organizations and **1,500** educators.
- Training provided to **1,168** community educators (formal and non-formal) and **49** professional development and/or training workshops; coordination, public information and resources provided to **1,837** people at **27** outreach events by VaN Coordinator. **5** new educational resources created and implemented across the state.
- **161** partners attended the annual Environment Education Conference at the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville on September 17 – 18.
- Two rounds of Virginia **Classroom Grants** were awarded to **70** schools **\$50,150** grant funds. MWEE Minigrants for Partners were awarded to **13** community organizations which received **\$23,250**.
- **48** schools earned recognition as a Virginia Naturally School for their efforts during the 2007 – 2008 school year.
- **Stewardship Virginia** reported that 5,422 volunteers received certificates for 303 projects that were conducted during the spring and fall campaigns. Of the 303 projects that were registered, 137 were waterway cleanups.
- The Virginia natural resource guides remain strong. This past year, there were over **300,000** website hits for this information.

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